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Morongo Valley Organizing Chamber of Commerce

As evidence of the patriotic spirit of the people of Morongo Valley, was the large attendance at Morongo's first Public Meeting, last Friday evening at the Morongo Inn with Mr. D. F. Geil as chairman for the evening.

Many issues of importance were discussed and steps taken towards forming a Morongo Chamber of Commerce. Mr. J. C. Scott acted as speaker for this issue. A committee of three was appointed, including D. F. Geil, H. M. Hess and E. G. Russell, to look into the preliminary work necessary towards forming a Chamber of Commerce.

When in San Bernardino Monday, Mr. Hess met with the officials of the San Bernardino County Chamber of Commerce, and they stated that they would be glad to co-operate in every way possible, give us any necessary information and assist us to form the chamber. That they would come to our meetings and that they would like our members to come in a body to their meetings. The president of the San Bernardino County Chamber of Commerce stated that by becoming a member of the Morongo Chamber, you automatically become a member of their Chamber also. They were high in their praise of the recent growth and development in Mo-

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Flying News From 'K' Field

Mr. John L. Haggie from Twenty-nine Palms has started flight training this week. He has three hours dual to his credit so far and is getting primed for that big solo.

Howard Culver managed to get a pass from his base in San Pedro to visit his home in the desert. He looks very trim in his army uniform and still does a good job flying the Cub.

Our city friends are starting to fly out for the weekends. Mr. Bill Atwood and daughter, Adrian, flew their new Vultee from Grand Central to "K" field in less than an hour. Mrs. Atwood and son and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnes followed by car. Several flights were made showing their friends the desert from the air.

Perhaps you are wondering just what is necessary before one starts flight training. In brief, it is required to have a student pilot's permit before you solo.

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You can start flying at any time but it is necessary to have the student permit before you solo.

Adobe Brick Plant In Sun Valley

F. G. Burns and his mother, Mrs. Laura Burns, have returned to their homestead in Sun Valley and Mr. Burns has announced that he is going to start an adobe brick plant there.

Burns has just been released after 4 years in the Army. He was with the 301st Ordnance Regiment and later transferred to the 602nd Ordnance Battalion. He saw service in Africa and France and during the last days of the war in Europe he was stationed in Luxembourg.

The Burns' homesteaded in Sun Valley in 1926 and when Mr. Burns went into the army they abandoned the desert, awaiting his return. When he returned he found vandals had almost completely wrecked their house and it has been necessary to rebuild it.

Mr. Burns says he has very high grade adobe material some 20 miles from his plant, and that it would be more profitable to haul the adobe to the plant and sand supply than to reverse the process, inasmuch as more sand is used than mud.

As adobe structures are particularly suited to desert living, Mr. Burns says he thinks when he gets his plant going he will have a big demand for his product and he promises the brick he will make will be of superior quality.

MOVIES COMING TO DESERT

It is reported that Roy Rogers of movie fame and H. H. Curtis, business manager, and associates have purchased 20 sections of land in the vicinity of the Pipes Canyon and near O. D. Thomas' holdings.

Mr. Curtis is the authority for the news that they plan to make it a permanent place for taking western movies featuring Mr. Rogers.

COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION GETS LATEST X-RAY EQUIPMENT

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the San Bernardino County Tuberculosis Association was held Thursday, January 24, at 12:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office in San Bernardino.

Dr. J. J. H. Smith presided. Others present were, Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Miss Winefred Erskine, Mrs. Earl E. Berry, Mr. J. Clifford Lee, Dr. Julius Zelman, Mr. R. D. McCook, Dr. C. Norman Abbott, Mrs. Margaret Scott Donaldson, Mrs. Max Cranmer, Mrs. Bess Morse Tyler, Dr. Virgil M. Pinkley, and Mrs. Bertha V. Peterson, Executive Secretary.

Mr. Lee reported that the Morgan Timer recently purchased by the Association would arrive shortly from the Westinghouse Electric Company. The X-ray unit owned by the Association will be modified to include the use of this unit.

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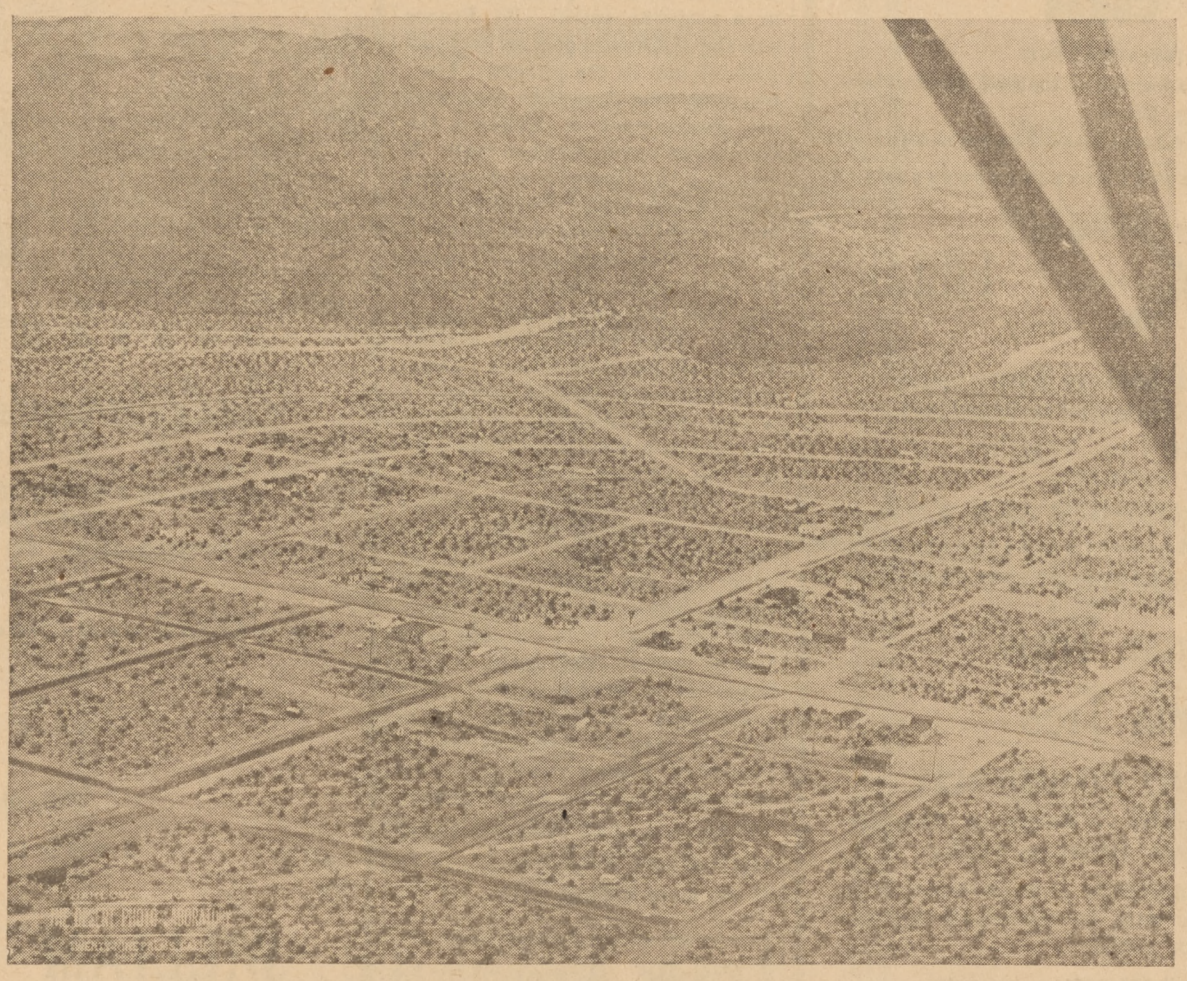
LIKED JOSHUA TREE

William Rowe and M. Bibbens of Joshua Tree had as their guests on Sunday, Jan. 27, Miss Marian Reel of San Gabriel, Mr. Albert Pinter, retired business man, and Mr. Charles F. Meurer, associated with an investment securities concern, both of Los Angeles.

Mr. Rowe and Mr. Bibbens took their guests on a trip through the marvelous scenic Joshua Tree National Monument, returning by way of 29 Palms.

They were impressed by 29 Palms, but Joshua Tree was first, last and always on their lips. Before leaving for their homes after an enjoyable day, they remarked that Joshua Tree has a future of becoming one of the most outstanding desert cities.

JOSHUA TREE FROM THE AIR



This is how Joshua Tree looks from the air today. It clearly shows the careful well thot out planning that has contributed largely to the remarkable growth this little desert town is making. The picture was made at 1500 ft. altitude, from the Piper Cub from nearby "K" Field, with Chief "Put" Putman piloting, and Harlow Jones, Photographer.

New Calectric Manager Getting Acquainted

Bob Nale, the new district manager of the California Electric Power Company at Twentynine Palms, called in to get acquainted with the JOSHUA JOURNAL. Mr. Nale has been transferred from his former post at Bishop, California, and expressed his enthusiasm about the desert. When asked about the construction program here in our town, he said the original promise of about 30 days, still stands.

Accompanying Mr. Nale was William McCulloch from the Commercial Department in Riverside. Mr. McCulloch said he thought the coming of electricity to our valley would add impetus to our already rapid growth and development. Mr. McCulloch will have charge of securing new accounts for the company in this district.

The Yucca Mesa Estates are now subdividing section 9, and were busy this week laying 20,000 feet of water mains and grading roads. Seigel and Raub Surveyors recently surveyed this tract.

SUN VALLEY ACRES HAS FIRST WELL

The first well for Sun Valley Acres was put on the pump Saturday afternoon. The well is 285 feet deep and the water is up about 45 feet.

It is expected that Sun Valley will be opened for sale about February 15. There is a large list of people waiting for the tract to be opened and according to C. R. Bunker of the Bunker Land Co., developers, settlement will be rapid.

Workmen under the supervision of Walt Phillips are putting the finishing touches on the tract office.

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We have here on our desert many fine worthwhile people. In fact. the desert attracts worthwhile people, who in the attractiveness of the desert and its unhampered freedom, grow in spirit and find inspiration for a finer philosophy, a broader perspective of life.

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There is such a personality living in our midst, whose philosophy is such that permits no harsh crticisms; that can only find good in everything and everyone.

It is the commonplace things in life that irk most of us. The flu, cold wintry winds, mistakes and failures of our neighbor provoke us to criticise, but not so, the one of whom I speak. She can write of all these things and find good in them. From her cabin in The Joshuas she sends forth bits of philosophy, in prose and poem, that could well be adopted by all who read.

No person could write as she does, if she did not LIVE that philosophy. To know the author of "Lowly Philosophy", is to get a brighter outlook on this old world.

We are glad we know June LeMert Paxton.

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By DR. NORMAN C. COOPER

DE GAULLE'S RESIGNATION

DeGaulle's resignation as President of France did not come as a surprise. It has been generally known for some time that his days as a useful head of the Fourth French Republic were drawing to an end. In fact it was with extreme misgiving that the government of the United States permitted him to be seated as the leader of the French people after their rescue from the hands of the Axis powers. It was only after long deliberation, and continued insistence of Great Britain that DeGaulle was allowed to come into form an interim government during the crisis while France was stumbling back to her feet as a new nation after four years under the Nazi yoke. Some type of puppet regime had to be set up in France so negotiations could be legally transacted. DeGaulle was the one chosen for this place.

DeGaulle's reason for resigning or the one he gave is only a smoke screen of course. He insisted on a larger standing army and larger appropriations for maintaining defense moves. His opponents refused him his wish on this matter and he handed in his resignation. The real truth back of it all is that DeGaulle was of the old group and wanted absolute if not dictatorial power and wanted the new constitution written up to guarantee him this power. The common people of France did not want this and didn't intend to have it that way at all. He was of the aristocracy of Europe and was trying to get it written into the new constitution. It was difficult for diplomats to approach DeGaulle and he was always a "sore thumb" in the Allied policy. President Roosevelt tried time and again to meet with him and talk over foreign policy and discuss Big Four plans but DeGaulle either evaded him or flatly refused to accept the invitations. He had an individual pride which he attempted to wear at all times out on his sleeve and exhibited a personal independence that was out of all reason to the crucial diplomatic position which he held as leader of a downtrodden nation that had to get back on its feet and make a place for itself in a post-war world. So France and the Allies are just as well off without him in the picture. Then, too, since the Socialists took over the government in England DeGaulle has never fared so well. It was only the Churchill government that backed him. DeGaulle had no fear of the Communist group in France. They were not a threat to his government. Nor need the Allies fear the Communists there either. They will not get control. There will be a new French Democracy established there however and a new constitution but it will be the common people's Democracy and the common people's constitution with Mr. Average Frenchman voting and setting the pace. But isn't that the way it should be after all and isn't that getting pretty close to the type of Democracy we find here in our own United States! Nothing severe has happened to France in DeGaulle's resignation. It was just an inevitable step in post-war reconstruction. France will live on and move on and the Allied powers will be brought all the more closely together and Allied policy will be al the more unified.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

4:00 P. M. at the Clubhouse. Rev. Fagaly's topic for next Sunday will be "Where Can We See God?"

Sunday School for the children at the same hour, with Mrs. Milo Crane, Sr., as teacher.

Vacationing

Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Hildebrandt, who own property on Park Blvd., are staying at the Desertaire Lodge. The Hildebrandts have just sold their flower shop in Los Angeles and are taking a much needed rest.

LOWLY PHILOSOPHY

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

The night is dark and the wintry wind makes moaning sounds around the corners of my cabin. Even more noticeably it groans as it comes down the pipe of the oil-burning stove whose flames keep the room warm and cozy. But the clock on the mantle ticks on and on, taking no thought of the grieving wind, while a spirit of peacefulness permeates the cabin.

This evening I am reading a book, "This Thing Called Life," by Ernest Holmes; a Christmas gift from my neighbor, Charlotte Guinan. From this book I learn that outside disturbances and disorders need not effect one's inner peace and poise. I can readily see how true this is for, like the mantle clock that cheerfully goes right on minding its own affairs, regardless of the darkness of the night, just so can one keep his inner calm in the midst of worldly unrest and confusion.

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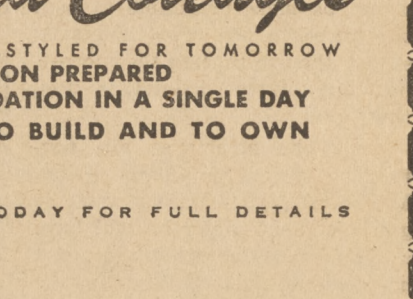

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BREEZING AROUND

By MAUDE A. FOX

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook have been enjoying a visit with their son, Clarence and wife and two baby daughters, who recently came here from Bridgeport, Nebraska. While here the visitors purchased a business and a building lot. The young Mr. Cook plans to return here later on and probably go into business here.

Well, well, we saw two street cars in Joshua Tree the other day. We figured they had beat the electricity in. However, they were just visiting here and went on their way through on top of two large trucks. When Joe Kassel saw the cars coming down the highway, he murmured, "Well, now I know this town is booming."

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatcher of Long Beach came up here again Saturday, bringing their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Richardson, to show them our desert. The party ate fried chicken on Hatchers lot and really had a big time.

Fox's Den had a number of out-of-town callers this last week. Mr. and Mrs. Julian Mathews and Mr. Taylor of Santa Ana were in and out the two days they stayed in Joshua Tree. The Mathews are planning a duplex here. Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Arcadia dropped in for a few hours. It was their first trip up here. Mr. Gibson said he always wanted to see the place Frank Fox moved to, from Arcadia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gibson were enthusiastic about our desert, and possibly they may come back soon and invest here. Then last but not least, the Hatchers of Long Beach dropped into the Den. So it was a "full house" over on Valley View Circle last weekend.

J. W. Crandall who is building a duplex on Mountain View Circle left here Friday for a few days visit in Bellflower. Mr. Crandall is boarding at the home of Mrs. Elsie Iverson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook left Sunday for Los Angeles where Mrs. Cook will undergo an operation Tuesday. Mrs. Cook will be the California Hospital at 1414 Hope street if anyone wishes to send their good wishes to her.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rowell sold their home here, the Spa, they have had a bad case of itchy feet. As a result they are leaving here for a three months trip east. Leaving here Friday they will head for Jackson, Michigan, where they will spend a month with Mr. Rowells' brother, Charlie Rowell, who has been quite ill. After the visit in Michigan they will spend a month in South Dakota, and from there back to Colorado, where they will see their new grandadughter for the first time. Then back to California — and Joshua Tree. Take along your ear muffs, Jeff!

Forest Wilson was here for a few days recently. Aunt May says he is feeling much better, which of course is good news. Forest came up to see that beautiful new brick wall around Desertair, and is proud as punch of it. This wall built by Jeff Overbay and crew shows what can be done with cement bricks besides using them in houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Robinson of Los Angeles spent the weekend with Mr. Rodgers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson of Valley View Circle.

Happy Birthday Party

A group of neighbors surprised Frank Fox on his birthday Sunday, arriving with a cake and gifts. Cards were played during the evening. The party consisted of Messrs. and Mesdames Jess Rowell, A. Harris of Los Angeles, Bud Lyday, Joe Wagner, Willis Harper and Bob Robinson.

Mrs. Jean Barron has brought her daughter, Billie, 12, out to the desert to attend school. Billie will live with Mrs. Amber Peterson and has already enrolled in the 29 Palms school.

Mrs. Barron is better known to the public as Bonnie Bonnay, theatrical dancer and singer.

Mrs. Mabel Noyes Kessler and Mrs. Pauline Gude were guests of the Townsite Company last week and came out with Steve Moninger. Also in the party was Mrs. Weimer of the Company's Los Angeles office.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dutton and daughters were out inspecting their property in Yucca Valley last week. They spent some of the day visiting at LaFerney's Ranch.

CLASS ADS GET RESULTS

February 4th Deadline For 1946 Auto Tags

Monday, February 4th is the deadline for all motorists to secure their 1946 auto tags and avoid a penalty. All desert folks are urged to bring their applications and money to the JOSHUA JOURNAL office before Saturday, Feb. 2, at which time Constable Jack Cones will again take them in to San Bernardino and save you the trip.

About twenty Joshua Tree people showed their appreciation for Constable Cone's effort in their behalf by taking advantage of his offer last week.

After next Monday all who have not made application for their new tags will have to pay the penalty of an extra fee.

Painting Firm Adds Two Members

William A. Cokos and Associates, Joshua Tree's new painting contractors, have added 2 more members to their firm. They are B. J. Clements and W. V. Clements, brothers.

W. V. Clements will have charge of sales for the prefabricated buildings, which they are handling. He is also a licensed real estate broker.

B. J. Clements has just been discharged from the Army where he saw service in New Caledonia, Okinawa and Korea. He was with a general hospital unit for 2½ years. B. J. says he is a general utility man and will work where needed.

The Cokos firm are now doing their first painting job for Mrs. Laura Young in Twentynine Palms. This is a complete redecoration job, inside and out, after which Mrs. Young expects to offer her Twentynine Palms property for sale.

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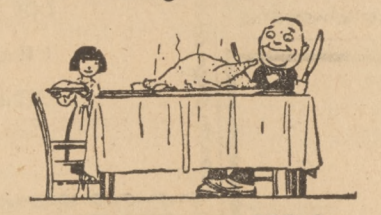

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WHAT THE NEW YEAR HOLDS FOR THE NATION

WEST COAST IN LINE FOR NEW PACIFIC MARKETS

New Year, 1946, is well under way. Let us shake off some of our war worn dislocation, temporary mal-adjustment and bad starts towards peace, and look squarely into the future. Not too far ahead, but just a few months forward. What do we perceive? What are the prospects ahead of us all for 1946 and beyond?

Actually, we are heading for a big boom. A large volumn of business, lots of prosperity is coming. All signs indicate this country is getting set for one of the greatest periods of happy prosperity and boom business in its history. The full-dinner-pail era, the high prosperity of the olden days so often referred to, will be but a small picnic compared to the great volume of world trade that is coming.

This whole United States will steam ahead the like of which was never seen before in this generation. Factory smoke stacks will pour forth the welcome sign of busy plants everywhere. From the Canadian border to the Windy Gulf; from the Atlantic seaboard to the broad Pacific, business will boom.

This especially applies to the West coast. The East coast had its European era of prosperity. The West coast now faces a rejuvenated Asia and the stirring Orient with accumulative and stupendous demand for goods everywhere. This particularly favors Southern California, the gateway to the new world of the East, where boom times are not far away.

Next Christmas, 1946, will be a bigger and better Christmas than this year. Practically all the men in the armed forces will be home by that time. They will be busy and working. Most all big strikes will be settled shortly in favor of higher pay for workers. Wage rates throughout the year will continue high. This means local, domestic and national prosperity.

New markets are opening up right around the world. Watch Southern California boom. China will soon start its reconstruction and Renaissance. China needs everything, from nails to baby carriages; cups to cars. Then there are gasping markets in India, Australia, all the Pacific Islands, the Netherlands, East Indies, Asia, and Russia. Japan also will be rebuilt with American money and American brains. All will come from or pour through the gates of the West Coast.

Hostilities will have terminated, we hope, by the middle of the year. Soon our mills will turn out plenty of women's clothing of all kinds, even Nylons. Soon plenty of men's clothing. All this has certainly been scarce this year. New metal toys in abundance. Plenty of household goods will soon be on sale in big quantities. Toasters, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, washing machines, textiles and draperies, are all on the way. More building material is coming. That means big business everywhere.

Then will come also the really new model automobile. A genuine post-war model will put in its own. Tourists by the hundreds of thousands will flock to Southern California. Many will buy, build and remain. Four to six months more will about wind up reconversion. The last half of 1946 will be a period of booming activity. Watch California. Watch Los Angeles grow. Watch Joshna Tree townsite grow and prosper. The boom is coming — make your plans and enjoy it.

CLASS ADS GET RESULTS

Know Your Neighbor

By ALICE POWELL BECKFORD

Dewey Elmee Below was born on a farm near Henderson Kentucky and went to school there. At the outbreak of World War I he was in the last year of High School but instead of finishing he answered his country's call and enlisted; he was a Sgt. in the 38th Division, known as the Cyclone Division, and while he was in some of the heaviest of the fighting he came through without a scratch.

During his childhood Dewey made several trips to California and at the end of the war he decided to make his home here. He married Bertie Brashear, his childhood sweetheart and they have one daughter who is an artist and who is Illustrator for the Nash Department Store in Pasadena.

Previous to World War II he went to work for the U. S. Navy on Midway Island where he had charge of over a hundred truck drivers. He came back to California on a vacation expecting to return and join the group who were being transferred to Wake Island. Dewey says he can't tell whether it was just plain luck or due to intuition that he decided to stay in the states until after the holidays, but in any event that was what happened, and as a result he was probably saved from being taken prisoner by the Japanese. Many of his fellow workers were caught and have never been heard from. He decided to stay in this country and got an assignment in the Intelligence Service where he spent four years covering Southern California, Arizona and Nevada.

He was assigned to General Patton at the time the General was at Camp Young near Indio training the 3rd tank division.

The lure of the desert was so strong that at the close of the war he sold all his possessions in the city and decided to make Joshua Tree his home.

One of the newest buildings on the highway is to be an eating place with living quarters adjoining and before long Dewey and Bertie will be in their own home and be ready to serve some very special dinners to the customers.

Visitors From Washington

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Butterbaugh, Manson, Washington, who are out on an extensive vacation trip, visited with Mr. Butterbaugh's brother, C. J. Butterbaugh, for 3 days this week. They are now in San Diego but may return here later.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Snell of the "Time Shop" in San Bernardino visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lafferty over the weekend.

NAT C. BISHOP

Nat C. Bishop, painting contractor of El Monte, who was out here a couple weeks ago and purchased a homesite, returned Saturday with Mrs. Bishop and made arrangements to build himself a home. He announced Sunday, before returning to El Monte that he is coming back to Joshua Tree soon to enter into the painting contracting business.

School Needs Here Surveyed by Dr. Hull

The Chamber of Commerce Committee of Mothers, appointed to start negotiations for a school in Joshua Tree, were instrumental in getting Dr. Osman Hull of the Board of Education, University of Southern California, to stop and discuss our school problems. Dr. Hull was originally called to Twentynine Palms to investigate the school situation, and he reported Twentynine Palms School Authorities recognized our need for a school here.

Dr. Hull had numerous graphs showing the school population and where located throughout the valleys. He stated that he was going to make a detailed report on his findings to the Board of Education, and that a copy of that report would be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce Committee and the JOSHUA JOURNAL.

Dr. Hull said he would recommend to the school Trustees the erection of a primary school in Joshua Tree to house grades 1 to 4 for the present and that it will be necessary to secure 6 acres of land to facilitate the enlarging of this school in years to come; also, that it takes about one year to secure site, finance and build a school.

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There will be two showings of "YOLANDA and the THIEF" at 7 and 9 P.M. Thursday, January 31

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Yucca Valley

H. O. (Hobo Hank) Smuckal moved his trailer from Desert Hot Springs to his recently acquired 40 acres in Yucca Valley last Sunday and will remain for a stay, later leaving for a trip to the north.

Guests at Hidden Rancho last week were Bill Beasley, Jack Surbridge, Mrs. Eleanor Okey and Mrs. Ethel Claxton and Mrs. Jennie Gustafson all of Desert Hot Springs, and Mrs. Gustafson's son-in-law and daughter and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olson and Kathie. Mr. Olson was recently discharged from the army. Mrs. Gustafson is seriously interested in establishing a home in Yucca Valley. She owns rental property in Desert Hot Springs. Other guests last week were Bob Barker of Garnet and Miss Clark of Desert Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Pardon of Costa Mesa, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pardon of Lomita weekended at their home. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Honkin also of Lomita are spending the winter in an apartment at the Pardon home here, while Mr Tonkin is helping in the erection of a home for Mr. Martois in Joshua Tree.

Mr. Gilhorn, his family and friends visited their recently acquired 40 acres in Yucca Valley last week, and also made a brief visit to the Samson home.

Sunday visitors at Hidden Rancho were Mrs. Florence Wagner and John Tilson of Los Angeles, coming over after a swim in the plunge at Desert Hot Springs, where Mr. Tilson owns property.

Yucca Village Tract Manager Named

Resident representative and tract manager for the Yucca Village development project will be Dwight T. Hayden of Santa Ana. Mr. Hayden has been associated with Richards and Storey as a real estate salesman for some time.

Hayden says that he will move into the village with his family just as soon as the tract manager's residence and office is completed.

He also said they have received the pump and equipment for the new well and it is being installed this week. This is considerably in advance of their expectation in that the manufacturers supplying the pump had first reported that it would be at least 3 months before they could make delivery.

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Morongo Valley

BINGO PARTY

On Valentine day, Thursday, February 14th, at the Morongo Inn, there will be a Bingo party, given by the ladies of the Morongo Social club. Starting at 7:30 p.m. The people of Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley and Morongoites are all invited to come and have a good time. Refreshments will be served. Door prize, etc.

A CLOSE CALL

Monday afternoon produced an accident on the highway right here in our town that might have resulted in serious injury.

Mr. Cash, Sr., of Twentynine Palms, driving through town, was forced to swerve his car sharply in front of the Joshua Tree Hotel to avoid hitting a boy on a bicycle. His front wheels caught the sand, causing his car to skid, reverse direction and turn over. Fortunately neither Mr. Cash nor his car suffered injury. The car was righted by A. E. Martois and 2 or 3 other men, who were in the vicinity, and Mr. Cash resumed his journey down the highway.

The boy was later identified as Lee Ballard, son of Mrs. Joseph Wagner, who received a slight abrasion on his face and had the front wheel of his bicycle damaged.

JUST THINKING

By THE PACK RAT

(From a Christmas card received by Dr. Norman C. Cooper)

FAMILY PORTRAIT

LEBAN: (Kindly seeing Mary's being upset) "What did he teach?"

MARY: Why—to — love your enemies—never to judge or condemn anyone . . . to be forgiving. And to make life as easy as you could for other people. (Pauses, groping for the most important things.) To live for a purpose in which you believe and never let anyone keep you from your belief . . . not even your own family. You must be willing to die for it. And to be kind to children . . . he loved little children. (A pause in which she feels she must make this last point dreadfully clear.) And to remember always that human life is beautiful and noble— because it houses God. (She is aware of the startled look on Leban's face—and hastens to add.) I mean—when—when you degrade or dishonor human life—you degrade and dishonor God. (There is a moment of silence . . .) That was all he taught."

LEBAN: "Has anyone ever tried it . . . to live the way he taught?

MARY: "I don't think so."

LEBAN: "Might be interesting to see what would happen if they did!"

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Plants That Grow on The Desert

By MAUDE A. FOX

PANSIES

This is the time of the year to plant pansies. Sure they will grow here. Of course they pass on when the extremely warm weather makes its appearance. But think of the fun you can have growing them until summer. One can procure small plants at most any nursery. They prefer a sandy, loamy soil. A little decayed leafmould added to the soil here would assure richness in the ground.

When planting be sure to press the roots well into the soil. A little good fertilizer will bring a quicker growth and possibly larger flowers. Pansies make an attractive window box—from outside or inside. It is pleasant looking out of a window from the inside into a box of little pansy faces of all colors. Maybe some day people on this desert will plan window boxes. There are many lovely things that grow in window boxes that will grow in this area. Petunias love to crawl around in a box.

If one wishes to they can plant pansy seeds and raise their own. They are no trick at all to plant and raise. Up here either plant in early Spring or Autumn. Sow seed in this sandy soil here, sifted. Cover slightly and transplant to boxes as soon as large enough. It is most important that good roots be established. One can raise pansies from cuttings. We have raised many of them that way. If one is anxious for large blossoms, leave only four to six shoots to a plant. This procedure will throw all strength into those shoots and produce giant blooms. Its fun to try some of them that way.

POST WAR REUNION

John Weih, recently of the Navy, spent the last three days of his first week of returned civilian life, with his wife, Betty, here on the desert visiting her parents, the Raymond Moores.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Moore's other daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, and little daughter, Judith Lynne, returned for their second weekend on the desert.

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HIGH SCHOOL HEP - TALK

By TEEN-AGER

"To be, or not to be, that is the question." Our dramatic enthusiasts are in full swing this week, since we have our annual play toward the ending semester. Fitting "Joan of Arkansas," you get the idea—But here is a cry for more boys. Don't be bashful!

We'll be out rooting this week for our team. Twentynine High will play some games, and the opponents are yet quite undecided. But—when you see our gals out on our baseball court and warming up in fashionable dogpatch styles, you know we're a aiming to beat the grammar school girls. We hope! We hear they sling a mean baseball. The game is scheduled for Friday.

MORONGO VALLEY ORGANIZES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Continued from page one)

rongo valley and were glad that the citizens are wide-awake and forming a chamber of commerce.

On Friday evening, February 8, another public meeting will be held at the Morongo Inn and the Chamber will become more of a reality, together with other important issues discussed and acted upon. It is hoped that everyone in the valley will come and take part in the meeting.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation by H. M. Hess of a plot of ground to the Morongo Social Club for a clubhouse and a park. It is to be used as a community center for meetings, entertainment and Church gatherings. Mrs. True Mills, Mrs. J. C. Scott and Mrs. H. M. Hess, trustees for the ladies' club accepted the property with an acceptance speech for the club by Mrs. Mills. Trees and shrubs will be planted this month and the ladies of the club, with the help of their husbands and the people of Morongo Valley, plan to build a nice clubhouse in the near future.

The County Planning Commissioner, Harold Zenz of San Bernardino, assisted Mr. and Mrs. Hess, Monday in their plans for the park, by calling the County Gardner, Mr. Taylor to his office and together formed a landscape of trees and shrubs that will make a beautiful park in the valley. One of which we can be justly proud.

Mr. Taylor stated that he was in a position to furnish us some eighty or one hundred trees and bushes of various kinds so that it will not be necessary for the people of the valley to furnish a tree apiece as planned, however, we do need some cottonwoods and athol trees as well as help in planting and watering the trees and shrubs.

Donations were taken up for the Community Ambulance fund. Those who subscribed were: D. F. Geil, H. M. Hess, Anton Terp, "Jack" Mills, E. G. Russell, J. C. Scott, B. F. Arnold, H. H. Weir, D. D. D. Murphey, Axel Rosvall, and Lester Bobo. Donations for the year were from $3.00 to $10.00. In case of sickness or accident the Community Ambulance, located in Twentynine Palms, will be at your service night or day. Will rush any member of your family to the hospital of your choosing, even as far as Los Angeles, and then will make another trip to return the patient home, free of charge. How can anyone in Morongo Valley afford to pass up such an opportunity? Donations will be accepted by H. M. Hess, director for the Ambulance fund.

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MAY BRING HORSES HERE

G. P. Barns of Los Angeles and San Francisco, who says he is just a horseman, spent several days in Joshua Tree and when last interviewed was seriously entertaining the notion of bringing his string of fine saddle horses to the desert and establishing a riding stables here.

In the party with Mr. Barnes was F. Dumont of Los Angeles, who is now a property owner here, and Alex. Ruth of Los Angeles, who came along to see if it is true what they say about Joshua—he may possibly locate here later.

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